

Senate Majority Leader Gloria Romero
The Majority Monday Memo

A look ahead in the California Senate

For the week beginning June 19, 2006



Senate Democrats: Welcome to the Majority Monday Memo – my effort to keep you up to date on the major events coming up in and around the Senate. Please submit items you would like included in future memos to me personally, to my office in Room 313, or by e-mail to rosanna.carvacho@sen.ca.gov please note change.

Monday, June 19

SENATE SESSION. The Senate will convene at 2:00 p.m.

ASSEMBLY SESSION. The Assembly will convene at 1:00 p.m.

REIMBURSEMENT OF SPECIAL ELECTION COSTS. The Senate Appropriations committee, Chaired by Senator Murray will hear AB 1634 (McCarthy) to reimburse counties for the cost of the November 2005 special election.

Room 4203, Upon Adjournment of Session.

ONLINE ENTERTAINMENT. The Select Committee on E-Commerce, Wireless Technology and Consumer Driven Programming, Chaired by Senator Florez, will hold a hearing on issues with downloadable online music and movies.

Room 3191, 4:00 p.m.

HORSE RACING RECEPTION. The California Horse Racing Industry will hold their annual legislative reception. **West Steps, 5:30 p.m.**

CHILEAN NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT. Alejandra Bravo the National Vice-President of the Christian Democratic Party of Chile will visit the Capitol. If you would like to meet Ms. Bravo please contact my office.

Tuesday, June 20

SEIU RALLY. The SEIU Home Care Workers will hold a rally. **South Steps, 10:00 a.m.**

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CALIFORNIA TRADE. The Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee, Chaired by Senator Figueroa and Assembly Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy, Chaired by Assemblymember Arambula will hold a Joint Hearing on the prospects of California trade. **Room 447, 10:30 a.m.**

SAFE SURRENDER OF BABIES. The Senate Judiciary committee, Chaired by Senator Dunn will hear AB 1873 (Torricco) which extends the time that a parent may legally surrender their child. **Room 112, 12:00 noon.**

JUDGES ASSOCIATION. The California Judges Association will hold their 3rd Annual Scales of Justice Reception. **Library and Courts Building, 5:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, June 21

SAFE PLACE TO LEARN ACT. The Senate Education committee, Chaired by Senator Scott will hear AB 606 (Levine) which ensures that all school districts and schools work to reduce discrimination, harassment and violence based on specified characteristics, including gender identity and sexual orientation. **Room 4203, 8:30 a.m.**

MINIMUM WAGE. The Senate Labor and Industrial Relations committee, Chaired by Senator Alarcon will hear AB 1835 (Lieber) to increase the minimum wage and tie future increases to the rate of inflation. **Room 2040, 9:30 a.m.**

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. The Senate Health committee, Chaired by Senator Ortiz will hear AB 2877 (Frommer) which will establish a website to facilitate the purchasing of prescription drugs at reduced prices, including specified countries. **Room 4203, 1:30 p.m.**

WOMEN'S CAUCUS. The Legislative Women's Caucus, Chaired by Senator Kehoe will meet. **Maddy Lounge, 5:00 p.m.**

Thursday, June 22

SENATE SESSION. The Senate is scheduled to convene at 9:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLY SESSION. The Assembly is scheduled to convene at 9:30 a.m.

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NASCAR DAY. Nascar display vehicles and simulators will be at the Capitol in celebration of Nascar Day. **West Steps, 9:00 a.m.**

HELLENIC PARLIAMENT OF GREECE. A five member delegation of the Hellenic Parliament of Greece will be visiting to learn more about public health and water issues. If you would like to meet this delegation please contact my office.

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INITIATIVE UPDATE AS OF JUNE 15, 2006

- 1180. Transportation Funding. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. **FAILED** to qualify.
- 1181. Transportation Funding. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. **FAILED** to qualify.
- 1183. Transportation Funding. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. **FAILED** to qualify.
- 06-0029. "The Voters' Right to Protect Marriage Initiative (Version 3)" Initiatives **pending at the Attorney General's office.**
- 1185. Water Quality, Safety and Supply. Flood Control. Natural Resource Protection. Park Improvements. Bonds. Initiative Statute. **Qualified for the November 7, 2006 General Election Ballot.**

For more information on initiatives, go to: http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_j.htm

INITIATIVES PENDING RAW COUNT OF SIGNATURES

1184. (SA2005RF0130) Identity Theft and Solicitation. Criminal Gang Activity. Forensic Computer Analysis Fund. Initiative Statute.

Summary Date: 01/13/06 Circulation Deadline: 06/12/06 Signatures Required: 373,816

Proponent: Frank Troise (877) 470-1870

Increases criminal penalties for persons convicted of specified identity theft crimes. Adds crimes involving personal identification to enumerated list of criminal gang activities. Expands definition of personal identifying information, and requires prison terms and increased fines for acquisition of such information with intent to defraud. Outlaws electronic solicitation of identifying information through misrepresentation ("phishing"). Expands venue in identity theft prosecutions to include county where victim resided. Creates fund to pay for analysis of electronic evidence in criminal investigations, financed through criminal fines.

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PROPOSITIONS ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

Legislative Constitutional Amendment

SCA 7 (Resolution Chapter 49, 2006). Torlakson. – **Transportation Investment Fund.**

Legislative Bond Act

SB 1266 (Chapter 25, 2006). Perata. – **Highway Safety, Traffic Reducation, Air Quality, Port Security Bond Act of 2006.**

Legislative Bond Act

SB 1689 (Chapter 27, 2006). Perata. – **Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006.**

Legislative Bond Act

AB 127 (Chapter 35, 2006). Núñez. – **Education facilities: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006.**

Legislative Bond Act

AB 140 (Chapter 33, 2006). Núñez. – **Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006.**

Bond Measure

SB 1856 (Chapter 697, 2002). Costa. – **Safe, Relible High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century.***

*Note: The Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century was originally scheduled to appear on the November 2, 2004, General Election ballot. However, subsequent legislation (Senate Bill 1169, Chapter 71, Statutes of 2004) provides for the submission of this Act to the voters on the November 7, 2006, General Election ballot instead.

1154. (SA2005RF0092) **Sex Offenders. Sexually Violent Predators. Punishment, Residence Restrictions and Monitoring. Initiative Statute.**

Proponent: Richard Gann, George Runner and Sharon Runner, c/o Dave Gilliard (916) 444-1502

Increases penalties for violent and habitual sex offenders and child molesters. Prohibits registered sex offenders from residing within 2,000 feet of any school or park, and requires lifetime Global Positioning System monitoring of felony registered sex offenders. Expands the definition of a sexually violent predator, and changes the current two-year involuntary civil commitment for a sexually violent predator to an indeterminate commitment, subject to annual review by the Director of Mental Health and petition by the sexually violent predator for conditional release or unconditional discharge.

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1185. (SA2005RF0131.) Water Quality, Safety and Supply. Flood Control. Natural Resource Protection. Park Improvements. Bonds. Initiative Statute.

Proponent: Stephen J. Kaufman (213) 452-6565

Authorizes \$5,388,000,000 in general obligation bonds, payable from the state's General Fund, to fund projects relating to safe drinking water, water quality and supply, flood control, waterway and natural resource protection, water pollution and contamination control, state and local park improvements, public access to natural resources, and conservation efforts. Provides funding for emergency drinking water, and exempts such expenditures from public contract and procurement requirements to ensure immediate action for public safety.